

*Deepening canal running through Mundakapadam paddy lands.*

245. MR. V. O. MARKOS (*Kottayam III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Irrigation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Mundakapadam paddy lands comprising about 150 acres partly in Changana-cherry taluk and partly in Kottayam taluk have become impossible for cultivation on account of the silting up of the canal running through the middle of the paddy fields, especially the portion lying in between the places where the Kottayam-Karukachal road and the Puthupally-Pudussery road cross the said canal; and

(b) will the Government be pleased to make early arrangements for deepening and widening this canal so as to enable the said paddy fields being cultivated regularly?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: Answer to (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: May I know when this widening work will be taken?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: There is some difficulty in the way of taking this work. There are some encroachments in this canal and the Land Commissioner has been asked to remove this encroachment. When the encroachments are removed, work will be taken up immediately.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: May I know whether these two works may be taken up together?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: ചൊല്ലാം കേട്ടില്ല.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: Is there any co-ordination between the Grow more Food Department and the Irrigation Department in this matter?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I will see that both the works are taken up simultaneously.

MR. P. T. CHACKO: The question is whether there is any co-ordination.

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: No.

*Bridge at Kongandoor.*

246. MR. V. O. MARKOS: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government and the Public Works Department with regard to the bridge at Kongandoor across the Pannagam thodu in Kottayam taluk;

(b) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the work so far;

(c) will the Government be pleased to take necessary steps to start work immediately so as to complete it at least in 1954; and

(d) will the Government be pleased to take early steps to improve the road from that bridge across the Meenachil river up to the Ettumanoor-Palai road?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (a) Design is already prepared and the estimate is under preparation.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

MR. ABDUL AZIZ (*Trivandrum I—Muslim Reserved*): On a point of order.

സർ, പല പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷനുകളുടെ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിമാരിൽനിന്ന് പല പൊതുവിധി വിപരീതമായ ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ കിട്ടുന്നുണ്ട്. അങ്ങനെ വരുമ്പോൾ ഏതു ഉത്തരമാണ് ശരിയെന്നു നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതെങ്ങനെ?

MR. PRESIDENT: അത് ഒരു പോയിന്റ് ഓർഡർ ആകുന്നില്ല. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാരുടെ ഇഷ്ടം പോലെ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഉത്തരം ശരിയെന്നു സ്വീകരിക്കാം.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: ഈ വർക്ക് എത്രനാളായി തുടങ്ങാതെ കിടക്കുന്നു എന്നറിയാമോ?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: അന്വേഷിച്ചില്ല.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: ഈ വർക്ക് നടത്തുന്നതിന് മുൻപ് പറഞ്ഞതു പോലെ വല്ല തടസ്സവുമുണ്ടോ?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: ഇല്ല.

*Amount spent for carrying mails.*

247. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED (*Quilon IV—Muslim*): Will the Honourable Minister for Anchal be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department is paying any amount to the Railway authorities for carrying Anchal articles from Shencottah to Trivandrum and from Trivandrum to Shencottah;

(b) the amount so paid; and

(c) the amount spent for carrying mails from Trivandrum to Kottayam and North Parur and vice versa?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (a) Yes.

(b) The amount paid annually to the Railway authorities for the transmission of Mails from Trivandrum to Shencottah and back is Rs. 9148-10-6.

(c) No payment is being made for carrying Mails from Kottarakara to North Parur and vice versa on the bus route. For any deviation to an Anchal Office from regular bus route, the Transport Department is being paid at the rate of annas 4 per mile. The total length of the deviations at Kottarakara, Thiruvella and Kottayam comes to 7 miles per day.